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STATE FOR CU/CP FOR IRENE CARSTONES - DUTY OFFICER PLEASE
TELEPHONE CARSTONES DURING DAYLIGHT HOURS JUNE 22; USIA FOR IEE

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SUBJ: EXCHANGES:CULTURAL PRESENTATION: COUNTRY MUSIC USA

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1. RE ITINERARY FOR COUNTRY MUSIC SHOW: POST WISHES CLARIFY
THAT BALL IS IN DEPT'S COURT NOW. ITINERARY PROPOSED
(REFTEL (A), PARA 5) IDEAL FROM OUT POINT OF VIEW, AND
UNLESS THERE ARE UNFORESEEN LOCAL OBSTACLES, WE BELIEVE THIS
ITINERARY WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOSKONTsert IF WEIGHT/VOLUME
OF SHOW REDUCED. GOSKONTsert SYMPATHETIC TO OUR DESIRE PERFORM
IN WIDE RANGE CITIES, BUT FACT REMAINS PROPERTIES ARE SO LARGE
THAT SHOW AS PRESENTLY CONCEIVED, TRANSPORTABLE ONLY BY TRUCKS
OVER LARGE DISTANCES, POOR ROADS, AND IN SOME CASES,
MOUNTAINS.

2. POST HOPES ADVANCE VISIT BY TWO TECHNICIANS WILL ASSIST
IN DETERMINING HOW PROPERTIES MAY BE REDUCED TO SIZE
TRANSPORTABLE BY SOVIET DOMESTIC AIRCRAFT. THESE TENTATIVE
CALCULATIONS MUST BE MADE BEFORE TECHNICIANS DEPART USA
AND EMBASSY MUST BE INFORMED IN ORDER NEGOTIATE WITH GOSK.
ITINERARY OF TECHNICIANS AND VISA APPLICATIONS DEPEND ON
AGREEMENT ON TOUR ITINERARY, WHICH IN TURN DEPENDS ON SIZE
OF PROPERTIES.

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3. POST AGREES SOME KIND OF SOUND SYSTEM SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO USSR FOR ALL CONCERTS. WITH SOME ALTERNATIVE (I.E. SMALLER) DIMENSIONS (IN METRIC SYSTEM, PLEASE), HOWEVER TENTATIVE, EMBOFF WILL SEEK GOSKONTsert'S AGREEMENT THAT ADVANCE PERSONS VISIT CITIES PROPOSED (REFTEL (A), PARA. 5).

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES SOVIETS WOULD GRANT PERMISSION FOR US CARRIER LAND YEREVAN SEPTEMBER 12, 1974. ECON EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE READY SUBMIT NOTE TO MINFOREIGNNAFFAIRS MOMENTARILY. NEEDS FROM DEPT STANDARD INFORMATION ON FLIGHT (NAME OF CHARTER COMPANY, ETC., AS WITH SAN FRANCISCO SYMPHONY ARRIVAL LENINGRAD, JUNE, 1973). BEST TIME SUBMIT NOTE WOULD BE EARLY WEEK OF JUNE 24 BEFORE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT WHICH IS ALSO ECON EMBOFF'S LAST WEEK IN MOSCOW FOR SUMMER.

5. VIDEOTAPE STILL NOT RECEIVED (REFTEL B). GOLOVIN HAS STATED HIS WILLINGNESS SIGN CONTRACT ONCE HE HAS SEEN (AND APPROVED) THAT TAPE. GOLOVIN FULLY AWARE DEPT DESIRES SIGN CONTRACT BY END FISCAL YEAR.

6. POST ADVISES DEPT EMBOFF RESPONSIBLE FOR NEGOTIATING BOTH COUNTRY MUSIC AND JOFFREY CONTRACTS ASSIGNED TO PRESIDENTIAL PARTY AS OF JUNE 27.

7. WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE RESPONSE TO ABOVE BY OPENING OF BUSINESS IN MOSCOW JUNE 24, IF POSSIBLE.
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